

**Soldiers ride 125 miles**

Post mounted unit replicates historic cavalry mission.

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Players pack course

The garrison commander hosted 128 golfers at his annual tournament.

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**Around The Army****Korea:**

Stars and Stripes reported May 19 that Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee May 18, that the shift of U.S. troops from South Korea to Iraq was long overdue.

Pentagon officials set off a storm of reaction in South Korea by confirming May 18 that 3,600 members of the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, will deploy from South Korea to Iraq later this summer.

The 3,600 U.S. Soldiers make up just two percent of the 138,000 projected to be in Iraq until 2005.

But, that figure is almost 10 percent of the 37,000 U.S. servicemembers annually stationed in South Korea since the last troop reduction there in 1991.

U.S. officials were quick to say the pending deployment would not affect deterrent capabilities in South Korea, pointing in part to \$11 billion in technical upgrades to weapons systems there over the next three years.

For more about this story and other U.S. military news in the Pacific and Europe, visit www.estripes.com/ on the Internet.

APG, Md.:

The Aberdeen Proving Grounds News reported May 13 that the Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs would sponsor a Veterans Muster 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 15, at Harford Mall.

The event would feature military musical performances, drill team exhibitions and static displays from 24 organizations.

The event's focus was to acquaint the public with military service organizations programs and goals, said Veterans Commission Chairman Joe Brooks.

For more about this story and other Aberdeen Proving Ground news, visit www.apgnews.apg.army.mil/ on the Internet.

Fort Gillem:

The Sentinel reported May 5 that 100 military spouses from the Fort McPherson and Fort Gillem military communities were needed to take part in a pilot program sponsored by the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor.

The program would give military spouses in their 20s and 30s the tools to provide themselves with financial security.

The Labor Department started its "WiSe Up" project two years ago, said Shinae Chun, director of the Women's Bureau.

A national demonstration project was designed to address the needs of "Generation X" spouses, and Chun said they began looking into ways to adapt it for military spouses.

"There is a lot of interest out there in helping military spouses find financial security," she said.

For more about this story and other Fort McPherson news, visit www.mcpherson.army.mil/Sentinel/newsitems/ on the Internet.

50 years later



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President George W. Bush and Cheryl Brown Henderson wave to a crowd of more than 5,000 as they mark the grand opening of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka, Kan.

Post unit helps celebrate desegregation

By Christie Vanover
Community Rel. Officer

TOPEKA -- As Soldiers spread liberty and freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan, Americans gathered to remember the civil liberties granted to U.S. children 50 years ago.

More than 5,000 people gathered May 17 to mark the grand opening of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka.

The crowd assembled in front of Monroe Elementary School as an array of speakers, including President George W. Bush, emphasized the importance of equal education.

As the breeze whispered through the trees, children of different races sat on the wall in front of the once all-black school, and Cheryl Brown Henderson declared the day a "dream realized."

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Members of the CGMCG prepare to present the colors during the ceremony.



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Sgt. Gabriel Lincoln carries the U.S. flag across a stage filled with dignitaries including Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius (in the red).

Post, family bid farewell to fallen Soldier

Company commander left personal mark on fellow servicemembers

By Valerie Dey-Bolejack
105th MPAD

Capt. John Tipton was remembered as a commander whose Soldiers always came first, as a man who always led from the front and as a devoted husband, father and family man. His family, friends and fellow Soldiers gathered at

Morris Hill Chapel on May 12, to pay their final respects.

Tipton was the company commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. He died on May 2 of wounds received in an explosion during combat operations in Iraq.

Scott Calvin, Tipton's brother-in-law, thanked Tipton's "Army family" for their support of Tipton's wife, Suzie, and her family.

"I would like to convey a very deep appreciation and a very heartfelt thank you from Suzie's family for the tremendous support you ... have shown us during these past

several difficult days."

Calvin named all the Soldiers and family members who had come to help the family, saying, "Their tireless help, support and professionalism during this difficult time speaks volumes to the integrity and the proud traditions of the Big Red One and the U.S. Army."

Calvin said Tipton had a great love for life. "John's enthusiasm, zest for living knew no boundaries. The enthusiasm, love, devotion and deep commitment that you all witnessed in John's professional life as a Soldier were equal only to the enthusiasm, devotion and commitment

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John Tipton

Sexual assault review finished

Task force recommends corrections

Department of Defense

The Task Force on Care for Victims of Sexual Assaults found Department of Defense policies lack integration for effective prevention and response, DoD officials announced this month after the report was completed April 30.

The task force's broadly characterized 35 findings also indicated:

-- DoD policies and standards focus on sexual harassment, not sexual assault;

-- Commanders lack guidance, resources and emphasis on prevention and response;

-- Victim response capabilities lack sufficient resources and uniform guidance; and

-- Efforts to hold offenders accountable are not apparent due to Privacy Act concerns.

The task force analyzed sexual assault incidence and demographic data.

It assessed current DoD-wide, service-wide and combatant command-wide sexual assault policies and programs.

Task force members also reviewed literature and visited 21 military locations at in the continental United States and abroad.

"We focused on the critical factors that need to be addressed in dealing with sexual assault," Task Force Director Ellen P. Embrey said.

"Our goal was to be honest in our approach and open-minded about opportunities to make a difference. In the course of our review, we sought to understand culture, command structures and resources," she said.

The Task Force's nine recommendations are divided into three categories - actions to be taken immediately, in the near-term and in the long-term.

Immediate actions include establishing a single point of accountability for addressing sexual assault matters and developing strategic courses of action on critical, unresolved issues.

Actions in the near term include developing DoD policies for prevention, reporting, response and accountability and developing an integrated strategy for sexual assault data collection.

For longer-term and sustained action, the task force recommended establishing institutional sexual assault program evaluation and oversight mechanisms.





Post news in brief

Rifle Range Road closed

After the inbound traffic closes at 8 a.m. each day, Rifle Range Road will be closed to all traffic for the remainder of the day to facilitate road construction.

Outbound traffic will be detoured to Trooper Drive. Traffic detour signs will be installed for the duration of the project.

Safety classes scheduled

The Directorate of Environment and Safety plans to conduct the following classes in June:

— **HAZCOM Train the Trainer Course**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 4 and 9, room 6 in building 407. The HAZCOM (Hazard Communication) Train the Trainer course trains unit instructors on hazard communication requirements. These trainers instruct others within their organization on safety precautions and information on chemical health hazards as required by federal law.

— **Environmental Team Training**, starts at 9 a.m., each day, June 7-8 and June 28-29, room 6 in building 407. Environmental Team training certifies environmental team leaders and members in how to handle hazardous materials and waste handling spill responses at the unit level. Leaders and team members must attend this course within 60 days of appointment to their duties.

— **Environmental Team Training Refresher**, 9 to 11:30 a.m., June 15, room 6 in building 407. Environmental Team Training Refresher is the annual refresher to the Environmental Team Training.

— **Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) Refresher**, all day June 25. (must have completed the 40-hour HAZWOPER course), room 6 in building 407. This course covers toxicology, medical surveillance, decontamination, site characterization, air monitoring, confined spaces, site emergencies and site/incident safety plans, site control safety plans as well as drum and container handling. This course provides a review on regulatory guidelines, training requirements, Hazard Communication, and personal protective equipment.

Public Works plans picnic

Public Works will hold its annual Organization Day with a picnic and award ceremony for employees and their families on June 25. Minimal staffing will be maintained from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. so that critical functions remain operational.

Unit mailroom classes offered

Fort Riley Postal Operations staff will offer Unit Mailroom Training for newly assigned unit postal officers and unit mail clerks from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 26 in building 309. Pre-enrollment is required. To enroll, call 239-5411.

Prospective mail clerks are required to attend a class and bring with them a copy of their memorandum of on-the-job training (20 days OJT period is required). Unit postal officers not involved in mail handling duties only need to attend the class; they do not have to test. Unit postal officers involved in mail handling duties must have a minimum of 20 days OJT and will have to take the test.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Stampede needs more volunteers

By Gary Skidmore
Command Info. Officer

Country Stampede is running short of volunteers for afternoon and evening positions, said Mick McCallister, volunteer coordinator for the Country Stampede.

"With the deployment of so many Soldiers, volunteers are hard to come by," he said.

McCallister said he selects volunteers based on past performance and telephone interviews.

"I look for certain information when deciding on who should serve soda and water as opposed to who should serve alcoholic beverages," McCallister said.

"We have volunteers returning for the seventh year. Some of these volunteers look forward to the change of pace from their normal jobs and the satisfaction that

comes with service to patrons."

McCallister said volunteers range from medical professionals, lawyers, mid-level managers and supervisors to college students, housewives, grandparents and Soldiers.

The Stampede volunteer staff must perform service five to six hours per day for three days — Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

For their support, volunteers receive admission to the festival, including the kick-off on Thursday and performances Friday through Sunday. They also get seating beside VIP area seating, a Stampede T-shirt and two meals per day.

For more information or to volunteer, contact McCallister at 239-2727 during normal business hours, at 762-6615 after business hours or send him e-mail at mick.mccallister@riley.army.mil.

Stampede offers Soldiers free tickets

By Gary Skidmore
Command Info. Officer

The Manhattan Country Stampede is opening its gates free to all military ID card holders and their families for its opening night June 24.

That Thursday night is O'Reilly Fort Riley Day, said Adrienne Hayes, Country Stampede office manager.

"O'Reilly Auto Parts is offering free admission to all military ID card holders, active duty or retired and their families as a thank you for their service to the country," Hayes said.

Thursday's program includes 94 Karaoke, Shevy Smith, Rushlow and Mark Wills.

Country Stampede is also offering military ID card holders and their families a discount for the final day's performance, Hayes said.

"Affiliated Foods Midwest

Country Stampede is holding a Military Appreciation Day on Sunday, June 27," Hayes said.

"All military ID card holders have the opportunity to purchase a ticket to see Blue County, Craig Morgan, Terri Clark, Charlie Daniels and the Steve Miller Band for only \$10."

A one-day ticket normally costs \$50.

"Affiliated Foods Midwest Country Stampede is proud of our military, and this is a small way to say thank you for their service," she said.

The gates to the June 24 concert open at 4 p.m. and the gates for the June 27 concert open at 11 a.m.

Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, Hayes said.

Stampede tickets are available at ITR on Custer Hill and the Manhattan Country Stampede office, 3003 Anderson Ave. Suite 949 in Manhattan.

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"We have all heard tell of a dream deferred. Today, behind us is a dream realized," she said with a crack in her voice, referring to the newly declared national site.

More than 50 years ago, Brown Henderson's father, Oliver, stood with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and nearly 200 other plaintiffs to challenge school segregation.

"Segregation dulled the consciences of people who knew better," Bush said. "It fed the violence of people with malice in their hearts. And, however it was defended, segregation could never be squared with the ideals of America."

On May 17, 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court declared that racial segregation in schools violated the 14th Amendment. This civil rights victory reformed schools throughout the United States, including Monroe.

Fourteen years ago, Brown Henderson and many others had a dream of saving the old brick and limestone school building that was part of the country's history.

With Monday's grand opening, there is now a permanent commemorative place symbolizing the sacrifice for the rights we now

enjoy, Brown Henderson said.

Fort Riley's Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard began the ceremony by parading the colors across the dignity-filled stage. Spc. Christopher Conner from Summerville, Mo., carried a saber guarding the national colors as they passed Henderson Brown, U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., and Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius.

"What we're celebrating today is the same thing we're facing all over the world," Conner said, referring to civil rights. "Even though the views and what we're fighting for are different, it's the same thing that we fought 50 years ago that we're now fighting in Iraq."

He added that America struggled to get where it is today and it is facing a similar uphill climb overseas. "We can show them [Iraqis] and make them understand what it's like to be a free nation."

"On this day, in this place, we remember with gratitude the good souls who saw a great wrong and stood their ground and won their case," Bush said. "And we celebrate a milestone in the history of our glorious nation."

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ment that he had for his family."

Spc. Michael Labadie talked about Tipton's example to his Soldiers.

"He was what I call a Soldier's commander. In other words, his Soldiers came first. Mrs. Tipton, your husband was a hero. He will continue to inspire me and the rest of the battalion," Labadie said.

Capt. Eldridge Browne, a friend from ROTC, spoke of how Tipton was always a mentor and a leader and ready to help others.

"There are not many people who would bend over backwards, but John was one of the very few. He would give you the shirt off his back if you asked him to. Because I thought so highly of John, I strived to be like him," Browne said. "All the Soldiers loved him, loved to be by him." Capt. David Newman told of

Tipton's e-mails, full of the things the company was doing to improve his Soldiers' living conditions in Iraq.

Tipton's military service earned him the Purple Heart, five Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, the Good Conduct Medal, two National Defense Service Medals, two Southwest Asia Service Medals, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Air Assault Badge and the Parachutist Badge.

Tipton is survived by his wife; his children, Austin and Kaitlyn; his parents, Dwight and Kyong Tipton; his sister, Rebecca Lindberg; and his brother, Harry Tipton.

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Peace officers honored



Sgt. Jeremy Covert (left), 523rd Military Police Detachment, joins police officers from Fort Riley, Riley County, Kansas State University and Kansas to honor their fallen comrades. The officers gathered for Peace Officers Memorial Day May 14 in front of the Riley County Law Enforcement Center.



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Members of the Riley County Police Department raise the American flag on May 14 in front of the Law Enforcement Center in honor of Peace Officers Memorial Day. Participating were (left to right) Detective Pat Tiede, Officer Danny Duckworth and Warrants Officer Tim Tiemissen.

Army reserve gets 300 new full-time positions

Officials: Normal attrition will open nearly 1,000 more slots during current fiscal year

Army News Service

ST. LOUIS -- The Active Guard-Reserve program has seen an increase of about 300 new assignment opportunities during this fiscal year.

The increase comes as a result of ongoing efforts to add more full-time support to Army Reserve units, officials said.

About another 975 positions will also become available during this fiscal year through normal

attrition, according to officials at the Army Reserve Active Duty Management Directorate in St. Louis.

"The AGR program is absolutely vital to the training and readiness of our units," said the chief of the Army Reserve, Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly.

"AGR Soldiers are now deployed in Afghanistan, Iraq, and around the world as an essential part of our Army, enabling mission accomplishment and ex-

cuting important missions on behalf of the nation.

"We will continue to grow the AGR program with the required skills necessary to transform the Army Reserve while at war, enabling a greater level of readiness, agility and responsiveness," he said.

"We need the best and brightest as AGR Soldiers and I encourage all who are interested to apply and join the ranks of our AGR Soldiers," Helmly said.

AGR Soldiers serve in full-time, active-duty positions in worldwide locations. They provide day-to-day operational support needed to ensure Army Reserve units are ready to mobilize when needed.

The program, begun in 1979, provides AGR Soldiers with the same benefits as their counterparts in the active Army. This includes active-duty pay and allowances, medical care, commissary and PX privileges and a

full retirement after 20 years of active federal service.

In addition to a wide range of assignment locations, the AGR program also offers officers, warrant officers and enlisted Soldiers the opportunity to serve in a variety of fields, including transportation, human resources, military intelligence, finance, medical service and recruiting.

The AGR program is open to Soldiers who serve in the Army Reserve, the Army National

Guard and the active Army. To download an application packet, Soldiers can visit the AGR portion of the U.S. Army Human Resources Command Web site at www.2xcitizen.usar.army.mil/soldierservices/programs/agr/ or call the command's communication hub at (800) 318-5298.

Information for this article was provided by the U.S. Army Human Resources Command-St. Louis Public Affairs Office.

Army unveils improved Chinook

Fort Campbell special operations unit gets first new version

By Kelly Tyler

Army News Service

RIDLEY PARK, Pa. -- Army special operations forces received their first MH-47G Chinook helicopter during a rollout ceremony at aircraft manufacturer Boeing's compound in Ridley Park, May 6.

The military's newest rotary-wing aircraft, updated and better equipped than its Chinook predecessors, will be flown exclusively by the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), headquartered at Fort Campbell, Ky.

To kick off the event, an older MH-47D model flew directly over the thousands of Boeing employees who had gathered to watch the ceremony.

Landing nearby, the Chinook discharged its cargo of three special operations Soldiers and a Ground Mobility Vehicle, which rolled slowly across the flight ramp as the door to a hangar opened and the new MH-47G was rolled out.

Patrick Shanahan, vice president and general manager for Boeing Rotorcraft Systems, then handed the first set of symbolic

"keys" to the modified aircraft to Chief Warrant Officer Andrew Sentiff and Staff Sgt. Michael Luna, both of the 160th SOAR.

The MH-47 is more than just an airframe, Shanahan said. "The design and manufacturing of this aircraft (have) been a labor of love and a model of working together," he said. "Teamwork has characterized our program from the start."

Lt. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr., commander of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, N.C., also spoke to the crowd.

"Not only have we all gotten a personal introduction to our 'work horse,' but we have also had the opportunity to shake hands with everyone who helped make this possible," Kensinger said.

Kensinger reminded those gathered -- civilian and military -- that the aircraft itself is secondary.

"As magnificent as this aircraft is, it is only as good as the people who design it, build it, fly it, and support it," Kensinger said.

Kensinger told the gathered Boeing workers that anyone who contributed to the construction of the aircraft was also contributing

to victory in the Global War on Terrorism.

"The equipment (the 160th SOAR flies) is what gets the boots on the ground to fight the Global War on Terrorism," Kensinger said.

"It is also the equipment that gets them back safely to their families," he said.

The event was more than just a presentation of USASOC and Boeing's newest collaboration. It also gave the Boeing workers a chance to understand the role of the MH-series aircraft, and it allowed those workers to speak directly to Soldiers who have been affected by the capabilities of the MH-47.

Workers and guests checked out both the older "D" model and the newest "G" model following the ceremony, speaking with aviation crew members as well as members of a Special Forces operational detachment.

"This is a great bunch of guys," said John Williams, flight engineer for Boeing. "We want them to be well-protected up there," he said. "I feel better knowing these guys have the best equipment there is."

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Troop security begins at home

By Kim Levine
Special to the Post

With U.S. troops deploying all around the world, unclassified but sensitive information is left in the hands of family members and friends. Operations security is taking extra steps to educate people and make them aware of the threats that surround them.

OPSEC officials encourage members of the community to follow three basic laws: realize that a threat exists, know what information is sensitive, and use countermeasures to protect sensitive information.

The threat, being unfamiliar and oftentimes unrecognizable, surrounds everyone, OPSEC officials said. Adversaries intend to gain information through everyday routines, such as telephone calls, e-mails, and conversations in public. They then use the information to hurt the United States and/or benefit their cause. Consequently, OPSEC officials declare the most potentially damaging intelligence source to be the members of the community, by unknowingly providing intelligence information to adversaries.

OPSEC officials define sensitive information as classified and unclassified operations, investigations, tests, research, training, exercises, and other military-related information. Deployment information, including dates, times, and locations, is a form of sensitive information. Alone, the information may appear harmless and unimportant, but the accumulation of one or more elements could damage national security, OPSEC officials said.

OPSEC's goal is to make intelligence gathering more difficult and time consuming for enemies.

"The longer it takes for an adversary to acquire our national secrets, the longer our nation can maintain its defensive and technological edge," one OPSEC official said.

To help make the public more aware, OPSEC officials suggest taking several countermeasures and protections against the release of sensitive information.

They urge members of the community to guard against telephone calls and e-mails by knowing the receiver well. Also being aware of conversation is vital because landline and mobile phone calls, as well as e-mails, are easy to monitor.

They discourage transmission of any sensitive information via telephone, fax, radio, or e-mail, and advise everyone not to discuss any sensitive information in public places where the information may be overheard.

They also warn against posting or displaying sensitive information and leaving laptop computers unattended.

"The armed forces and deployed troops count on us at home to keep their secrets and keep them safe. We must do our jobs," said Ray Semko, interagency OPSEC support staff member.

By recognizing that the threat exists and understanding what comprises sensitive information, the community can begin to protect national security. Deployment information, training exercises, and other daily activities can be harmless information to one person, but extremely useful to another.

Editor's note: This article was extracted from the OPSEC newspaper "Purple Dragon" archives.

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Fort Leavenworth Garrison Commander, Col. John Towers, hands orders to Fort Riley Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard Officer in Charge Maj. Joel Graham, atop his mount Victory. The orders were carried from Fort Leavenworth to Fort Riley by soldiers of the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard as part of the state and Fort Riley's 150th birthday observance. Fort Riley protected settlers in early history.



Post/Hill
Maj. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy (right), commander of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley and Col. Jay Simpson, garrison commander, pull the case from the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard's new guidon. Maj. Joel Graham (left), color guard commander and Spc. Ronald Wilson ride forward to accept the new guidon. The unit received its new guidon during a ceremony that welcomed the unit home from a 125-mile ride.

Fort Riley color guard rides 125 miles

By Cassidy Hill
Staff writer

A piece of history rode horseback through part of Kansas May 5-11. Fort Riley's Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard re-enacted the historic ride that sent cavalry Soldiers from Fort Leavenworth to establish Fort Riley as part of the state's sesquicentennial observance.

The modern-day cavalrymen received their special orders and a proclamation from Col. John Towers, Fort Leavenworth's garrison commander and delivered the proclamation to Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commander of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley.

About a dozen riders in the color guard traveled nearly 25 miles a day until they reached Fort Riley. The ride resembled what it would have been like to deliver such orders by a cavalry unit 150 years ago.

Maj. Joel Graham, the mounted color guard's commander, had been preparing the unit for its 125-mile ride for several months. He and his unit scheduled endurance rides to prepare themselves. The week before the

mounted Soldiers left, temperatures reached into the 60s and over night lows were so cold they frosted a bunch of flowers.

As the Soldiers prepared to leave Fort Leavenworth, "the weather set an all time high of 92 degrees on both the 5th and the 6th (of May)," Graham said. "So ... from the start, we had great respect for our forefathers because they wore heavy uniforms in warm weather and the summer."

Even though the ride was to commemorate Kansas and Fort Riley's sesquicentennials, Graham said the ride also honored military servicemembers. He said his unit didn't come across as the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard because he rode for the U.S. Army and the cavalry.

During one of the hottest parts of the ride, Graham said a Soldier in his unit received a phone call that Capt. John Tipton of 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, had been killed in Iraq. He said Tipton's death had an impact on his Soldiers as well as the ride.

"When someone you're doing the march for dies, it makes the hot weather not feel as hot," Graham said. "It gave us the extra

motivation to move on."

The loss of a comrade caused the unit grief during the six-day ride; however, the support from community residents who visited whenever the unit camped for the night helped the Soldiers realize how much they are appreciated.

"The community supported us with food and were just ecstatic to come out and speak with us at our encampment," Graham said. "They shared stories about their forefathers in the cavalry. The overall support for the military and the current situation in Iraq was just phenomenal. There is a lot of support for the military right now."

Each night, the unit set up a historic encampment consisting of three tents — an officer's tent, a senior noncommissioned officer's tent and an enlisted Soldier's tent. Additionally, a cooking detail was set up with kettles, tripods, griddles and an open pit fire. The unit displayed historic pictures of the original cavalry unit in training at Fort Riley.

Other than a three-hour weather delay, Graham said the ride couldn't have gone smoother. The unit encountered rain and lightning on May 10, which forced

them to spend the night at the armory near the Manhattan Regional Airport.

This historic ride tied in with Kansas' 150th anniversary because the Soldiers traveled down part of the Santa Fe Trail, the Military Trail and Oregon Trail along U.S. Highway 24. The ride also recognized the historic contributions of the U.S. cavalry and Fort Riley.

Fort Riley Garrison Commander Col. Jay Simpson said the historic ride was a lot more than a public relations tool for Fort Riley. He said the ride allowed community members the chance to see and touch the past. It also allowed them to understand what Soldiers have undergone.

"They represent not only yesterday's Army but today's Army," Simpson said. "It actually brought a little bit of the Army to Kansas."

Graham gave the proclamation to Hardy during a ceremony that welcomed the unit home. Hardy said the Soldiers in the color guard represented the Army's heritage in protecting the Santa Fe, Oregon and Military trails that led their forefathers west.

"Just like your forefathers, you

have delivered the orders from Leavenworth, so I am proud to stand here today, and on behalf of this great nation and on behalf of the state of Kansas, the communities around Fort Riley and Fort Riley itself, I salute you great troopers for a mission well done," Hardy said.

Graham carried the rolled up proclamation, which was a message from Fort Leavenworth, during the ride. Simpson said the proclamation included a photo of the mounted unit and will be hung somewhere on post for people to see.

"The Proclamation will be part of our history," Simpson said. "It will be in a place where it can be remembered, either in building 500 (post headquarters) or in the U.S. Cavalry Museum."

Graham said the ride was phenomenal.

"No other event will bring that level of focus on Fort Riley and the Army. It was a tremendous honor to travel the trail of our forefathers," Graham said. "It was a tremendous honor to represent Fort Riley, the commanding general of Fort Riley and was one of those experiences you will never forget."



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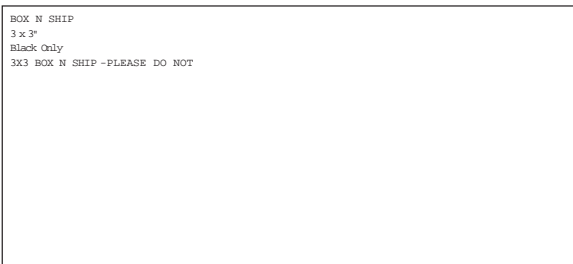
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Combat training centers accelerate war support, drive cultural shift in troop preparation

By Gary Sheftick
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Transformation at the Army’s combat training centers has accelerated to support the Global War on Terror while driving a cultural shift toward a campaign-quality Army with joint and expeditionary capabilities.

That is the message from Brig. Gen. Timothy D. Livsey, the deputy commanding general for training at the Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Livsey also heads up the Army’s Combat Training Centers/Battle Command Training Program Focus Area Task Force, which developed the implementation plan to change the Army’s capstone training program.

Lessons learned in Iraq and Afghanistan are being injected into CTC training scenarios in “almost near real time,” Livsey said. “If an IED (improvised explosive device) goes off over there or an ambush happens, we’re feeding that to trainers and to the units getting ready to deploy.”

This streamlined delivery of lessons learned, Livsey said, has an impact on all training rotations at the Army’s CTCs.

The maneuver box or “dirt” CTCs include the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.; the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La.; and the Combat Maneuver Training Center at Hohenfels, Germany. These focus at the tactical maneuver brigade level.

The BCTP is part of the CTC program and provides simulation-assisted command post exercises for brigade and higher-level organizations.

The CTC training is full spectrum, Livsey said, meaning leaders and Soldiers train on offensive and defensive warfighting as well as on stability operations — often concurrently.

The Army also is linking battles on the ground at its three maneuver CTCs with simulation-supported training at Fort Leavenworth, the Joint Warfighting Center in Suffolk, Va., and other simulation centers. This distributive training network was enabled by the recently established DoD Joint National Training Capability, or JNTC, Livsey said. He said this “realistic live-virtual-constructive training environment” would better prepare deploying units to operate as part of a joint, interagency, and multinational force as they face “unpredictable and highly adaptive enemies.”

The CTC/BCTP Focus Area Task Force was charged by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker to “rescope the CTC program to train in a joint context.”

Livsey said the task force includes representatives from all major commands, and ranks range from generals to junior observer-controllers at dirt CTCs.

It also includes retirees who have participated in BCTP exercises, troops who recently returned from Iraq, and many Soldiers who submitted ideas through a collaborative Web site.

“The Web site was an enabler that saved time and kept us from

locking people in a room for five weeks and throwing pizzas under the door,” Livsey said.

“We work very closely with JFCOM [Joint Forces Command] in creating architectures that are joint,” Livsey said. For instance, during an NTC rotation, about 5,400 blue force soldiers pop up on a common operational picture screen at JFCOM headquarters in Suffolk.

“If you look at some of the databases we build for both constructive and virtual training, you’re going to see many similarities,” Livsey said. “We’re continuing to mature and advance, and the catalyst is the

JNTC program,” emphasizing that the Joint National Training Capability is really a global capability.

As the CTC/BCTP Focus Area Task Force developed its implementation plan toward training in a joint context, Livsey said it was also influenced by other focus areas — specifically, Task Force Modularity.

The Combined Arms Center Training is now developing training models for modular units and defining the specific effects that units must experience at the CTCs to understand the joint context in

Focus areas

The Army’s 17 immediate areas of focus include: The Soldier; The Bench; Combat Training Centers/Battle Command Training Program; Leader Development and Education; Army Aviation; Current to Future Force; The Network; Modularity; Active Component/Reserve Component Balance; Force Stabilization; Actionable Intelligence; Installations as Flagships; Authorities, Responsibilities, and Accountability; Resource Processes; Strategic Communications; Joint Expeditionary Army with a Campaign-quality Capability; and Logistics.

To view a brief synopsis of each area, visit The Way Ahead at www.army.mil/thewayahead/.

which they will be expected to fight.

Livsey stated that a new Combined Arms Center for Training (CAC-T) white paper on training in a joint context recognizes that other services need to be involved in both maneuver CTC and BCTP rotations, along with interagency and multinational participation.

For example, the paper states that in the future, joint fires at the centers may be delivered by air, land, naval, special operations forces and even space assets, instead of primarily Air Force assets as is the case now.

“The synergies we get are very positive,” Livsey said. That synergy between simulations and live training in the CTCs will be used to train the Army’s new units of action and units of employment as divisions restructure upon returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, he said.

“We’re working now on an expansion of the CTCs’ responsibilities to help units reset faster and get ready for the next deployment. Training in a multi-echelon manner is more important than ever.”

Up until now, the Battle Com-

mand Training Program focused primarily on corps and division staffs (except for National Guard units) and the dirt CTCs focused on brigade combat teams. “We’re actually collating the formerly separate levels of training responsibility — both BCTP and the dirt CTCs will have a piece of the training of the units of action,” Livsey said.

Another example of the cooperation between the three dirt CTCs and BCTP would be training a division staff through a BCTP Warfighter exercise at Fort Leavenworth while at the same time one of its UAs is rotating through the National Training Center, Livsey said. Action on the ground at NTC would be integrated into and correlated with the simulation-supported training — and vice versa, the BCTP forces would appear on the Army Battle Command System’s computer screens at NTC.

Because we’ll be a “plug and play” modular force in the future, commanders will have to adapt to working with unfamiliar units on short notice, Livsey said.

For example, while training the unit of employment or UEx at Fort Stewart, Ga., an exercise could pull in units of action from

other locations, such as Fort Campbell, Ky., or Fort Drum, N.Y.

Livsey would actually like to train each UA’s command and staff element through a simulation-supported BCTP CPX prior to a “dirt” rotation, which will train the entire unit. Resources will be the determining factor though, he said.

“There are no bad training ideas out there, but there’s a finite amount of dollars,” Livsey said. His staff is currently trying to procure resources for the CTCs six years out.

Livsey said commands in the future must be capable of conducting “simultaneous, full-spectrum operations.”

For instance, one battalion in the brigade could be engaged in a full-intensity fight; another unit in the same brigade could be keeping lines of supply open; still another could be doing humanitarian support.

“In other words, you’ve got to be able to do it all,” Livsey said, adding that’s what must be replicated in training. He said units must leave CTC with the ability to face the full spectrum, especially to defeat an enemy in a major combat operation.

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Safety message

Be cautious during holiday weekend

The celebration of Memorial Day can be traced back to 1865, when Henry C. Welles, a druggist in the village of Waterloo, N.Y., mentioned at a social gathering that honor should be shown to the patriotic dead of the Civil War by decorating their graves.

For the past 139 years, we have continued to celebrate the sacrifices of patriotic Americans for their preservation of the freedoms we hold so dear. I urge you to continue this tradition by honoring those who have served in our military, including those who have sacrificed their lives in our nation's war on global terrorism.

During this Memorial Day weekend, safety must be the No. 1



Maj. Gen.
Dennis Hardy

holiday weekend:

— **POV safety:** to include prevention of automobile and motorcycle accidents. Remind them to always wear seat belts; be well rested prior to driving and take frequent breaks; and plan suffi-

cient time for their drives.

— **Water Safety:** Remind them that while boating always wear a life preserver, use safe boating practices, never drink alcohol and watch out for swimmers. While swimming, never drink alcohol and always use the buddy system.

— **Sports Safety:** Remind them to take heat injury prevention steps (drink plenty of water, drink alcohol and soft drinks with caution, be able to recognize the early indications of heat injuries, use sunscreen, and rest in a shady area out of the direct sunlight), and stretch and warm up before participating in strenuous activities.

Leaders must remain personally involved in their Soldiers' and

civilian employees' off-duty activities, providing workable control measures for potentially unsafe activities that their personnel have planned.

An equally important area that leaders should aggressively focus on is suicide prevention. We must be vigilant in our efforts to identify the telltale signs that will enable caring and observing individuals to react and prevent most suicide attempts.

I encourage you to put safety first. I wish all of you a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy,
Commanding General,
24th Inf. Div. (Mech)
and Fort Riley

Grunt By Wayne Ulden



Policy point

Should we, should we not show our flag-draped caskets?

By Dennis Ryan

Pentagram staff writer

Photographs can be more powerful than a thousand words. Especially when the picture shows American flag-draped coffins being loaded into a military transport in Iraq for repatriation to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

A series of recent photos run by a West Coast newspaper has reignited a decades-old controversy about showing caskets returning from a war zone. The first Presi-

dent Bush issued, the ban on such photographs during the first Gulf War when casket photos were run next to a picture of the president playing golf.

Whether to show the grim results of war is not a new argument. Photos of caskets returning from Vietnam are thought to have helped engender antiwar sentiment at home.

The argument for prohibiting casket photos states such images will cause unnecessary suffering for the deceased servicemembers' families. Another school of thought believes such photos are

protected by freedom of the press and should be part of the public record.

There is another reason for allowing such evidence to be shown. The Marines lost more than 1,000 dead and suffered another 2,300 wounded while assaulting Japanese-held Tarawa, Nov. 20-23, 1943.

There would be many even more brutal landings in the future, so the Marine brass released combat photographs and film of the battle to arouse the public to the tasks ahead. These were the first candid photos of American dead

and they shocked the public, but they also helped harden the nation's resolve.

Most every family in America had someone or several loved ones in uniform fighting overseas. More than 400,000 paid the ultimate price, but there was never a movement to stop the war short of victory.

If scenes of caskets being unloaded by military transport became a staple of the nightly news, the hue and cry about the war would grow. In a democracy, this is not a bad thing. People should debate loudly and strongly

when our troops are at war.

The administration should continue to make its case for the justice of the war and the opponents should object if they so desire. That is what makes this country worth fighting for, the free and honest exchange of ideas, even during war.

No one wants to see any young American come home in a casket. But in war that is exactly what happens.

No matter how high tech and "clean" modern warfare may be, it is still brutal. Young men and women die. They die not for

money or conquest or power but for an ideal.

We must be strong and show that we are the descendants not only of the World War II generation but also of the Civil War Soldiers who "died to make men free."

If this is still the reason for the war, to root out terrorists and an evil dictator, to bring democracy to a downtrodden people, then stay the course. But allow photos of caskets and let such images sear themselves into the mind's eye and inspire the nation to persevere and win this war.

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'Ladies and gentlemen of the jury ...'

First Lt. Luke Woltering (at podium) presents his defense arguments in front of a jury composed of 12 Fort Riley Middle School students May 6, during a mock trial organized by members of the Fort Riley Staff Judge Advocate's Office. The trial and other events the latter part of April were conducted to observe Law Day 2004, May 1.

Army calls for Knowledge Award nominations

Army News Service

Army Knowledge Awards will be presented Sept. 2 during the annual Army Knowledge Conference being held this year in conjunction with the annual Directors of Information Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Aug. 30 to Sept. 3.

Nominations for the awards are being accepted until June 30 via the Army Chief of Information/G-6 community page on Army Knowledge Online at www.us.army.mil. Those make nominations should post them directly to the AKO site.

"This awards program allows us to recognize Army initiatives

that exploit knowledge management concepts and knowledge-ware technologies," said Lt. Gen. Steven W. Boutelle, CIO/G-6. "A net-centric, knowledge-based force is at the very foundation of the Army's future force ...r."

Awards will be given in six categories for the best Army Knowledge Transformation Initiative,

Enterprise Solution, Cross-Functional Solution, e-Army Initiative, Community of Practice and e-Learning Initiative.

Selection criteria include return on value, collaboration, impact, scalability, transformation, customer-focus, streamlining, and E2E Integration, which incorporates cross-functional processes.

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Kyle McNiffe gets a beyond-the-perimeter view of the Pentagon parade field during a demonstration of Cerberus, the latest advancement in force protection. McNiffe is with the Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command at Fort Belvoir, Va.

System sees all around

New protection suite named for beast

By Lorie Jewell*Army News Service*

In Greek mythology, Cerberus was a vicious beast with three heads of wild dogs, a serpent for a tail and the heads of snakes all over its back. It guarded the entrance to Hades.

In the Army, Cerberus is a tower-mounted sensor suite that uses several technologies to give those who guard installations, secure sites or tactical locations the ability to see and assess potential "beyond the fence" threats.

"A commander can stand in one place now and watch the whole perimeter," said Mike Jennings, deputy director for special products and prototyping in the Night Vision & Electronic Sensors Directorate of the U.S. Army Research,

Development and Engineering Command at Fort Belvoir, Va.

"This will really come into play for CSS (combat support services) units having to provide their own force protection," he said.

"We didn't invent anything with this; what we've done is integrate several existing commercial and military technologies into one architecture," Jennings said.

The suite contains:

- A tower that can extend up to 50-feet high and a ground-surveillance radar;

- Day and night camera;
- Video motion detectors;

- Video camera with an adjustable zoom setting or a bore-sighted day/thermal camera; and

- Up to 16 unattended ground sensors.

Information is collected and sent to a computer display by a wireless Local Area Network, giving a guard a complete picture of what's going on beyond the perimeter.

Everything is mounted on a lightweight trailer, allowing for easy mobility.

With reductions in the number of reserve-component Soldiers providing security at stateside military installations, Jennings and others see Cerberus as a way to boost protection resources.

Officials will start using Cerberus by June and continue fielding it through the year at eight chemical storage facilities in the United States, Jennings said.

Eventually, he anticipates seeing it used by Soldiers in field environments.

Suggestion program offers online access

New option eases overseas submissions

By Joe Burlas*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON -- Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians can now go online to offer Army suggestions and possibly earn some cash.

The Army Suggestion Program, <https://armysuggestions.army.mil>, went online May 17. Logging on requires an Army Knowledge Online user name and password.

The biggest plus to an online centralized suggestion program is that anyone with access to the Web can make a suggestion in a timely manner, no matter where they are, said Brenda Scott, a suggestion program official with the Office of the Chief of Staff Strategic Management and Innovations Division.

In the past, deployed Soldiers who came up with good ideas

when away from home station would often wait until they returned home to submit that idea through channels, Scott said.

The reasons for the wait, she said, were several: getting a copy of Army Regulation 5-17 that outlines submission requirements, keeping the hardcopy submission form clean in the field while filling it out and lack of research resources.

"We have more than 100,000 Soldiers deployed overseas right now and thousands more DA civilians with them," Scott said.

"Any one of them with a suggestion can now go online and submit their ideas without fear of getting the paperwork dirty, and there are links on the page that give lots of research material," she said.

The site also has a link to AR 5-17.

A "save" function allows suggestors to fill out the submission

packet over a period of time rather than during just one session.

The program seeks suggestions that improve work methods, materials, processes, equipment, logistics, utilities or tools that will benefit the Army.

Implemented suggestions that save the Army money are often eligible for a cash award. The more money saved, the larger the potential award.

The suggestion must present a problem or situation, propose a solution and state the benefit to the government.

The new Web site also allows supervisors to nominate a suggestor for recognition as the top suggestor of the year in Soldier and DA civilian categories during the annual Secretary of the Army awards ceremony.

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Holiday trash collection

Trash pick-up on post for the Memorial Day holiday will be:

May 31 — No pick up, Memorial Day holiday.

June 1 — Colyer Manor, Main Post, Marshall Field.

June 2 — Ellis Heights, O'Donnell Heights, and Peterson Heights (north of Thomas Avenue). Dumpsters at Buildings 27, 28, 45, 470, 471, 540, 541, 620, 510, and 5309.

June 3 — Warner Heights and Burnside Heights. (No change from regular schedule.)

June 4 — Meade Heights, O'Donnell Heights, South Warner Heights, and Peterson Heights (south of Thomas Avenue). (No change from regular schedule.)

City plans ice cream social

The Clay Center Area Chamber of Commerce will host a free ice cream social for area military families from 6 to 8 p.m. June 9 at Dexter Park in Clay Center. The chamber chose this event as a way to say "thank you" to the families of Soldiers serving the nation at this critical time. All military families may attend whether the Soldier is deployed or not.

Military families will receive refreshments of ice cream, coffee, iced tea or water at no charge. They can register to win one of four \$50 Clay Center gift certificates that will be given away that evening just before a free city band concert at 8 p.m. The band will play a program of patriotic music in honor of the event.

Non-military families are invited to the ice cream social, also, to show their gratitude for the service and sacrifices being made by military folks.

For more information, contact the Clay Center Area Chamber of Commerce office at (785) 632-5674 or ccchambr@kansanet.net.

SFSC activities:

May 21 — Army Family Team Building-Level II, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

May 21 — Soldier and Family Member Deployment Preparation Briefings, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

May 21 — Spouse's Activity Night, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

May 24 — Deployed Soldier Spouse Activity Day (Monthly Support Group), noon to 3 p.m.

May 26 — PCS-Stateside Briefing, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Crafts center:

May 23 — Scrapbooking Get-Together, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

May 24 — Crochet, Knitting, Cross Stitch, 7 p.m.

May 25 — Matting and Framing Orientation, 6 to 9 p.m.

Teen Center:

Upcoming activities planned by Teen Center staff include:

May 21 — Middle School Dance, 8 to 10:30 p.m.

May 22 — High School Dance, 9 to 11:30 p.m.

May 22 — Moon Lake Clean-Up, 4 to 6 p.m.

May 28 — Middle School Party, 8 to 10:30 p.m.

Stay 'In Step' with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

AER reaches 30 percent of goal

Staff report

Fort Riley reached 30 percent of its Army Emergency Relief campaign goal of \$60,000 May 13. About \$40,000 remains to reach the goal to match the contributions collected last year.

Master Sgt. Jesus Motezuma, sergeant major of the Directorate of Community Activities, is coordinating the annual relief drive. Motezuma said May 17, he expected the collections to be more than \$40,000 by May 20, the next time collections would be tabulated.

The post extended this year's fund drive to June 4, because some battalions released Soldiers on block leave after their return from Iraq, Motezuma said. Collections from those units will be sought after the Soldiers return to duty.

Soldiers may contribute to

AER through unit, directorate and activity project officers. Information on how to contact a project officer may be obtained by calling Motezuma at 239-3643.

Fort Riley's AER office responded to more than 360 requests for help in 2003. It granted more than \$146,000 in mon-

etary aid for a variety of needs ranging from utility payments to repair costs for a necessary vehicle.

Some aid went to families needing emergency travel money.

AER provides financial grants or loans to active duty and retired Soldiers who need help meeting essential needs.

Do it yourself

Auto center, staff make repairs easy

By Terry L. Welch
105th MPAD

Soldiers returning to Fort Riley may face the realization that spending a year away from home can cause a lot of car problems if their rides have been sitting unused or not regularly maintained as when they were home.

Wiring and hose connections that were once tight may need adjustment; friction can occur in unexpected places; and sometimes, even more serious conditions could present themselves.

That's to be expected, especially when a vehicle sits unused for a year.

That could be why so many Soldiers have made Fort Riley's Automotive Skills Center one of their first stops after returning home.

"Last week we were really busy," said Bobby Kimble, an automotive mechanic at the center, recently. Kimble said the shop's work stalls were nearly full of Soldiers and their neglected cars and trucks. "Guys were getting back (from Iraq) and were bringing their cars in to change the oil or give it the once-over after it's been sitting for a year."

Whether it's a once-over for a vehicle long immobile or a so-called "project car" that's been on cinder blocks longer than it was on wheels, the Automotive Skills Center offers Soldiers and their families the space, the tools and the knowledge to help them get back on the road safely and in style. Located at building 7753, the center welcomes the seasoned shade tree mechanic and novice alike.

Sgt. Jeremy Mead of the 24th Transportation Company returned from Iraq in early March and began getting his sports utility vehicle back into shape at the shop



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Sgt. Jeremy Mead puts his wheel back on after changing his SUV's springs and struts and putting on new rims.

Geography prof offers tornado safety tips

Special to the Post

MANHATTAN — People should keep three things uppermost in mind now that tornado season at hand, said Bimal Paul, professor of geography at Kansas

State University. Paul, who recently completed the research study "Public response to tornado warnings: A comparative study of the May 4, 2003, tornadoes in Kansas, Missouri and Tennessee," said three

measures can help prevent injuries and deaths in situations like that of the May 4 tornadoes.

First, take the appropriate action after hearing the warning. Following basic tornado safety tips in the case of a tornado warn-

ing is essential for protecting oneself and the family.

Basic tips include staying away from windows, going to a basement or a sturdy central room and using blankets, pillows or mattresses to cover up to avoid

injuries from flying debris.

Anyone in a car or mobile home should leave it immediately and seek safety in a tornado shelter or substantial structure. If

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Charlie Daniels plays in Kosovo, Germany

By Cassandra Kardeke
Army News Service

WIESBADEN, Germany — Charlie Daniels fiddled his way into the hearts of Soldiers, civilians and family members at Wiesbaden Army Airfield May 6, during a free concert to show support for U.S. troops.

"I was planning on just coming out here to check on our troops," said Maj. Gen. Gus Hargett Jr., Tennessee's adjutant general who helped coordinate the event with U.S. Army Europe.

Tennessee has more than 200 Tennessee National Guardsmen deployed to Kosovo and Germany.

"Charlie got wind of it and

asked if he could come along," the adjutant general said.

Hargett said he called his friend and fellow Tennessee native, Gen. B.B. Bell, U.S. Army Europe commander, who then made it happen.

Six months later, Hargett and the band, along with local media from Tennessee, began their trip, starting in Ramstein with a visit to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center May 4.

"The spirit and patriotism of these kids, some of whom have arms or legs blown off, is just amazing," Daniels said. "I expected to find low morale. Instead I found out that these kids want to go back downrange."

Daniels talked about one Sol-

dier in the hospital who lost his leg in Iraq. "He told his commander to get him a leg and 'send me back to fight.'"

After visiting the wards in Landstuhl, the entourage headed for the Balkans, where Daniels and his band performed a free concert for Soldiers there and visited Tennessee National Guardsmen.

"This is my way to serve [our country]. I can't serve myself, but I can certainly support those who do," said Daniels during a private lunch at the Wiesbaden Dining Facility the next day.

More than 60 of the Tennessee National Guard Soldiers were based in from Mannheim, Stuttgart, Kaiserslautern and Hei-

delberg to meet with Daniels, get autographs and talk about "home."

"We don't get to see someone like this that often, especially someone from our home. It's a real honor to meet with Mr. Daniels and the general," said Spc. Nick Oswalt of Chattanooga, Tenn.

"People don't understand what the Guard does. They think we're different because we're in the National Guard. But we deployed to 38 countries last year. We're not different. We just choose not to be on active duty all the time," Hargett said.

"And now I'm here and if there's anything I can do to make

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Charlie Daniels fiddles for the military audience during a free concert in Wiesbaden, Germany, aired live on AFN radio.



Community news briefly

Custer House reopens Side B

Custer House Side B has reopened and is available for rental by units or organizations wanting a special place to hold an event.

May has many open dates but June dates are filling up. Cost is \$20 with a refundable deposit of \$50.

To reserve a date, call Joanne Gulotta at 784-4922.

Men's group studies Bible

A long-term men's Bible study group meets from 5:15 to 6:15 a.m. each Thursday at Kapauu Chapel on Custer Hill. All men are invited.

For more information, call Chap. (Capt.) Glenn Palmer at 784-8384 or 239-9565.

Thrift Shop seeks help

The Thrift Shop is looking for a bookkeeper, general manager and cashier. Anyone interested can pick up an application at the shop.

The shop is open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays.

At the movies:

The doors at Barlow Theater open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children age 5 to 11. Children under age 5 are admitted free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

May 21 — The Alamo (PG-13)

May 22 — Home on the Range (PG)

May 23 — The Whole Ten Yards (PG-13)

May 27 — The Alamo (PG-13)

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almost immediately. He's spent more than a dozen hours on tuning and decking out his vehicle. As a frequent visitor who knows his way around under a hood, he recommends the center to anyone interested in maintaining his or her own vehicles. "They have everything you'd need: lots of tools, lots of equipment. They'll give you all the help you need, both physical assistance and advice," Mead said.

What the mechanics at the auto center won't do is just fix your car for you. Recreation Assistant Michael Leaming said that those who have never worked on their own vehicle before shouldn't let

that scare them away. "They don't need to know anything," he said. "When most of the troops were gone, a lot of their spouses came up when they'd have problems with their vehicles... a lot of them not knowing anything. They'd just tell the mechanics, 'I'm changing my brakes, and I don't know what I'm doing.'"

One of those spouses is Janet Amezcua, whose husband is currently in Iraq. She didn't want to take her truck off-post while he was away for fear of being taken advantage of due to her limited automotive knowledge. She decided she was just going to have to take charge and work on

the truck herself.

"I felt very nervous and dumb because I didn't know anything at all about oil changes or anything, and these people do know," she said. "They helped me and made me feel comfortable. They talked me through everything."

The automotive center staff doesn't just talk customers through tune-ups, tire repairs and oil changes, either.

"I've seen people rebuild vehicles from the frame up," Kimble said, adding that a lot of people completely rebuild their engines in the shop.

In the end, Kimble said, the Automotive Skills Center serves

as an excellent perk for Soldiers on Fort Riley but only if they choose to use it. "It gives them the sense and responsibility of doing their own maintenance work," he said. "If they can learn to do it here, they don't always have to go and pay somebody else to do it for them."

Auto Skills Center

Where: Building 7753 on Custer Hill

Hours: Open from 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Facilities: Open bays with a complete tool set and roll-around bench for customer use, 15 suspension lift bays, complete tool room, on-site auto parts store, body shop equipment and assistance, paint booth with drive-through capability and engine rebuild and machine shop.

Services: Free basic automotive repair class from 6 to 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month, advanced class from 6 to 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays.

For more information: Call the Automotive Skills Center at 239-9764 or 239-4028.



Sgt. Jeremy Mead lifts his vehicle on a pneumatic jack after installing new springs and struts.



Janet Amezcua reaches for a lug wrench to replace her tire after checking her brakes while her husband's gone to Iraq.

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there is no suitable structure nearby, a person should lie flat in the nearest ditch or depression and place hands in a way to cover the head.

Second, buy a weather radio.

A weather radio can be an effective and life-saving tool, Paul said.

Many people rely on a siren to warn them of tornados. That can be a dangerous misconception, he

said.

Sirens were designed to warn people outdoors and often cannot be heard indoors or at night when people are sleeping, Paul explained.

Many smaller communities cannot afford to buy a siren.

A weather radio is designed to warn people who are indoors and may have other noises, such as a television or air conditioner, that

would prevent them from hearing an outdoor siren.

The radio's alert is also loud enough to wake most people in the case of a night tornado.

Radios are affordable, Paul said. They range from \$25 to \$100, according to the National Weather Service.

Third, build a safe room.

A safe room can provide reliable shelter in the case of a torna-

do, Paul said. A safe room is a small room built with thick concrete walls and is usually located in a house's basement or interior area.

Construction can be costly, Paul said. Job prices range from \$2,500 to \$6,000, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

However, the room might just save a life, Paul said.

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Meier, photographs and plaques; Mary Bonneau, quilt; Perkins, senior advisor; Hardy, member at large; and Hall, apple pie pre-sales.

The society bakes and sells apple pies during the annual Apple Day festival at Fort Riley. It also coordinates the annual ghost tours and has compiled two volumes of ghost stories related to Fort Riley and available for sale to the public.

It conducts an annual tour of historic homes on post, provides docents for Custer House Side A and coordinates rental of Custer House Side B for unit and organization functions.

The society also runs The Shoppe, a retail gift outlet housed in the U.S. Cavalry Museum on post. The Shoppe offers unique gift items, historical books, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Cavalry license plates, Old Trooper and Custer House magnets, postcards and craft items.

The Shoppe operates from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

To reserve Custer House Side B, call Higdon at 784-4044.

For more information about HASFR, call Gutierrez at 784-2284 or The Shoppe at 239-2743.

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things better for these guys, I'll do it."

Later in the day, the Guardsmen were back at Wiesbaden, displaying the Tennessee state flag among almost 1,000 other people at Hangar 1036 waiting to hear good ol' country music.

The concert was aired live on American Forces Network radio.

The 75-minute concert concluded with Daniels' fiddling to his well-known song, "The Devil Went Down to Georgia."

Cassandra Kardeke is a member of the 221st Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office.

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Sgt. Danny Arbelo of Herrington, Kan., and a member of Detachment 1, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 127th Field Artillery, Kansas Army National Guard, shows off one of his tattoos during a workout at King Field House on Fort Riley. He called this tattoo a picture of his "girlfriend."

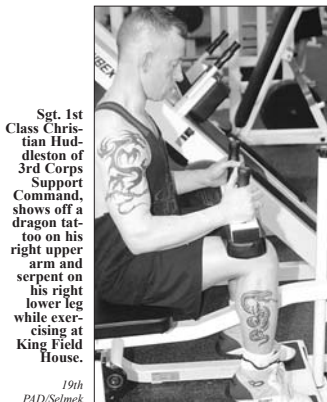
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105th MPAD/Copeland
Pfc. James Combs of the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, shows off one of his tattoos while working out at King Field House.



015th MPAD/Copeland
One of Sgt. Raul Torres' tattoos incorporates lettering, color and shading.



Sgt. 1st Class Christian Huddleston of 3rd Corps Support Command, shows off a dragon tattoo on his right upper arm and serpent on his right lower leg while exercising at King Field House.

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105th MPAD/Copeland
Erica Manor of Cerritos, Calif., shows off one of her tattoos. The stylized cloverleaf is done in the traditional style with simple lines and flat color shading.

Getting needed More Soldiers find tattoos desirable

By Christopher Selmek and Phillip Witzke
19th PAD and 105th MPAD

Tattoos -- body decorations -- date back as far as 2000 B.C. Archaeologists discovered them on Egyptian and Nubian mummies of that period. Classical authors wrote about tattoos worn by Greeks, Germans, the Gauls and ancient Britons. England's Captain Cook encountered tattoos on the South Pacific islands of Polynesia and is credited for its spread through Europe and America. Later, merchant and naval sailors picked up on tattooing and spread it into modern culture.

People use tattoos to indicate personal status or group membership, to show as a rite of passage or simply to display art the person likes.

Society today, in general, accepts tattoos and other body decorations more willingly than it did even 50 years ago.

U.S. Soldiers, including many at Fort Riley, likely help perpetuate the practice of getting distinctive tattoos in growing numbers today. The Scripps Survey Research Center recently reported that respondents to one of its surveys showed a growing number of U.S. citizens being tattooed.

Army officials have long insisted that the make-up of the nation's armed forces represent a microcosm of the general population.

The Scripps survey found 15 percent of its respondents had at least one tattoo. The percentage of respondents age 18 through 34 -- a predominant age for Soldiers -- who claimed to have a tattoo almost doubled.

Survey evidence isn't the only indication that Soldiers like to decorate themselves with tattoos. The casual observer can spot them easily just about anywhere on Fort Riley, especially at the fitness centers or the swimming pool.

Sailors and Soldiers tattooed themselves even before the Civil War. Historians state those earlier body markings traditionally memorialized a significant battle won or lost. In some instances the tattoos marked where a Soldier had been stationed, a deployment he had participated in or a significant event in his life.

"Military it's always been popular for soldiers to have lots of tattoos," said Sgt. 1st Class Christian Huddleston of 3rd Corps Support Command, Des Moines, Iowa, "but it's been catching on more with the young soldiers, especially on deployments when they have money to burn."

Soldiers today give a variety of reasons for needing a wide range of images into their skin.

"I got my first tattoo when my daughter was born," said Sgt. Danny Arbelo of Detachment 1, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 127th Field Artillery, of the Kansas Army National Guard. "I wanted to show how much they (his children) mean to me, so I put their names on my body as a permanent reminder."

Arbelo sports several tattoos. His right shoulder bears the reminder of his children. His left shoulder bears a reminder of where he came from. Another, on his back, pictures the woman he calls his "girlfriend."

"My dad has a couple and I always wanted one," said Nonito Niebres, the Sony representative in the main post exchange. He got his tattoo at age 18, with his dad's approval. "He told me that if I drew a picture of one and he approved, I could get it," Niebres said.



105th MPAD/Copeland
Pfc. James Combs lifts his T-shirt to reveal a detailed and colorful rendition of a wolf's head. Tattoos such as this one are in a fine line contemporary style relying on thin lines and finer detail than the traditional forms of tattooing.

Huddleston recommends a lot of planning and thought before getting tattooed.

"Make sure you really have a good idea of what you want to get before you go in," he said. He has a tattoo on each arm and leg.

"A really good tattoo artist is like a graphic artist; they're really good at drawing and at what they do," Huddleston said. "Some of them will spend several hours doing a freestyle design so that you can approve it before they make it permanent. If you tell them what you want, they'll usually have a good idea how to help you. I recommend looking through magazines or doing sketches until you know exactly what you want."

Huddleston knew the kind of tattoos he wanted, but he faced a big decision about where to wear them. "The first consideration I had was that, since I'm an SFC (sergeant first class), if I'm at a promotion board and I have to wear class B's I didn't want tattoos sticking out. That was a concern professionally."

"Then for my [Army Physical Fitness Test], I didn't want them showing when I did that either," Huddleston said. "I didn't think the commanding general would appreciate having tattoos all over his formation. This way they're concealed, but I can take my shirt off when I go to the gym and they're all there."

Huddleston did say that the prospective buyer should be prepared to spend a lot for his or her tattoos. Prices vary from place to place and go up as you increase the tattoo's size, ink color and number of colors as well as for the intricacy of the design.

Each one of Huddleston's four tattoos cost 250 euros, "about \$285 to \$300 per tattoo," he said. "I think you can get them cheaper in America. I was concerned they wouldn't be as good, so I made sure to have all mine done in Heidelberg."

Huddleston said Soldiers also should prepare to suffer some pain when being tattooed. "This one hurt like the dickens," he said, "but as you get more tattoos you feel them less."

Tattoos can become an addictive desire, Huddleston said.

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By regulation

Army Regulation 670-1, section 1-8, paragraph e, prohibits tattoos that are visible when a Soldier wears the Class A uniform. Regulations prohibit tattoos located anywhere on the body that could be considered extremist, indecent, sexist or racist tattoos also are prohibited.

Health considerations

Though tattoo parlors have become regulated over the past 20 years or so, there are still some significant health risks to consider.

Some of those risks can be as serious as contracting HIV, Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C, said Dr. (Maj.) Anthony Schultz, chief of emergency medicine at Irwin Army Community Hospital.

Side effects may also be as minor as blisters or minor infections, he said.

"Most common is the local infection," Schultz said. "Hepatitis B and C and HIV are still a possibility, but are more in the past, before they (tattoo parlors) became regulated."

Schultz recommended that Soldiers who plan to get a tattoo purchase the needle that will be used to inject the ink, thereby guaranteeing that it is only used on the Soldier without risk of infection from someone else.

After getting a tattoo, "make sure you take care of your tattoos, because they can take a couple weeks to heal," warned Sgt. 1st Class Christian Huddleston of 3rd Corps Support Command. "If you don't follow the advice of your artist, (the tattoo) can end up turning out messed up," he said.

"Rest for a few weeks before going back to lifting weights and doing heavy work," Huddleston recommended, "and keep them moisturized so they don't dry up and get ruined."





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Sgt. Danny Arbelo, Det. 1, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 127th Field Artillery, Kansas National Guard, has the names of his children tattooed on his right arm.

dleston said. Many who finally decide to get one will later find themselves wanting more, he said.

Once a Soldier decides to get a tattoo and checks out the parlor where he or she will get it done, an important decision remains to be made, said Wychele Cole, a former Soldier who is now an Army spouse.

"Make sure that whatever you get is something you will enjoy," she said. "You need to be aware that when you make the decision to get a tattoo that it is a lifelong choice."

Medical technology can be used to remove tattoos, but removal can be long and painful.

Removal also costs a lot more than getting the tattoo. Procedures can cost between \$2,000 and \$16,000, depending on the size, color and location of the tattoo. Laser removal can stretch over several years. Surgery leaves scars that may be more unsightly than the tattoo.

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Styles

Black and Gray Wash - This style uses black ink and various shades of black to round out the design. Strong light source and subtle shading is used to render the tattoo and it will usually hold up well over time. This is the preferred method for portraits.

New School - Bright colors and bold outlines give this style its distinctive look. Based on graffiti art, New School tends to have exaggerated poses and proportions and contrasting color highlights.

Old School (Traditional) - Taking its roots from the early days of tattoos, this style uses simple lines and flat shading with a minimum of colors. The traditional colors are black, red, green, yellow and blue.

Irezumi - Otherwise known as Japanese or Oriental tattoos. The colors are bright and simple with a conscientious use of black areas.

Tribal - The most sought after tattoo these days seems to be the tribal, which is reminiscent of those first seen by Captain Cook when he entered Polynesia. Tribal tattoos tend to be decorative lines and shapes that invoke a feel rather than depict an object. Usually rendered in solid black but can be done with a mixture of color or shading for interesting variations.

Celtic Knot Work - Taken from the old Celtic manuscripts from Ireland, this style can be as complex or as simple as desired. Usually done just in black but can use solid, bright primary colors for interest.

Fine Line - A more contemporary style of tattooing, this style relies on thin lines and finer detail than the traditional forms.

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Sports news in brief

Outdoor Rec changes hours

Effective May 30 through Sept. 11, hours of the Outdoor Recreation Center will change as follows:

Saturday and Sunday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Monday, Thursday and Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday: Closed
Also closed on May 31, July 5 and 6, and Sept. 4, for federal holidays.

May is National Fitness Month

The Fort Riley Fitness Department will be conducting various fitness related activities throughout the month.

There will be a Running Clinic, Fun Run, Camp/Hike/Bike Clinic, body fat analysis, Blood Pressure and Cholesterol checks and much more!

Go by King Field House Fitness Center or call 239-2813 for additional info.

May 21 — Walk/Run at Riley's, 10 to 11 a.m.

May 24 — Body Fat Analysis, 1 to 4 p.m.

May 24 — Aerobics, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

May 25 — Blood Pressure & Cholesterol Check, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 26 — Stretching Basics, 5 p.m.

May 27 — Aerobics, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

At Custer Hill Golf Course:

May 22 — Golf Course Gagger, 7 to 8 a.m.

May 23 — Golf Course Gagger, 7 to 8 a.m.

Lanes feature night bowling

Extreme bowling -- bowling under strobe lights -- is offered at discounts for families and individual soldiers using Custer Hill Lanes on post.

Families can bowl in the extreme conditions from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sundays for \$10 per family per lane. They can rent bowling shoes for \$1 a pair.

Soldiers can bowl under the extreme conditions from 10 p.m. Fridays to 1 a.m. Saturdays and from 10 p.m. Saturdays to 1 a.m. Sundays for \$11 per person.

Families can skate together

The Riley Wheels Skating Rink offers family roller-skating on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$6 per family of six people. Each additional family member pays \$1.

For more information, call 239-3764.

Outdoor Rec offers new boat

Fort Riley's Outdoor Recreation Center in building 9011 on Rifle Range Road now rents a new 21-foot Sun Tracker pontoon boat to eligible users.

Cost is \$125 per day or \$200 per weekend. A \$200 deposit is required to reserve the boat.

Maximum capacity is 13 people or 1,800 pounds.

A Boater's Safety Test is required before renting the boat.

Post seeks teams for three sports

Staff report

Three battalion-level sports programs for June and July will play but the 2004 Fort Riley Track and Field Meet scheduled for June 10 is questionable, said Barry Sunstrom, intramural sports coordinator, May 17.

The track and field meet was

scheduled for June 10.

The men's and women's tennis program runs June 21-25; the men and women swimmers compete July 22; and men and women golfers play July 24-25.

Tennis

Each battalion commander can enter six single players and a dou-

bles team (eight players total) in men's tennis competition. The commander also can enter four single women players and a doubles team (six players total).

Battalions must submit team rosters to the Sports Office at King Field House by close of business June 8.

U.S. Tennis Association rules

will govern play.

Players compete for first- and second-place team awards and first- and second-place awards for singles and doubles players.

Swimming

Battalions must submit letters of intent to compete in the post's swim meet by July 13. Competi-

tion begins at 6 p.m. July 22 at Custer Hill Pool.

Battalions may enter one men's team of 10 swimmers and one women's team of six swimmers. An individual swimmer may compete in no more than three events, excluding participation in a relay

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Tee for fun

128 players hit greens at tourney

By Valerie Dey-Bolejack
105th MPAD

Thirty-two teams -- 128 players -- took their swing at winning the 2004 Garrison Commander's Golf Tournament May 14, at Custer Hill Golf Course.

The four-man teams played a scramble game that allowed each player to hit from the best lie a team member achieved, making the game an event that encourages beginning players to join the fun.

Rick Glenn, manager of the Custer Hill Golf Course, said scramble is "a very fun format. It takes the pressure off" beginning players.

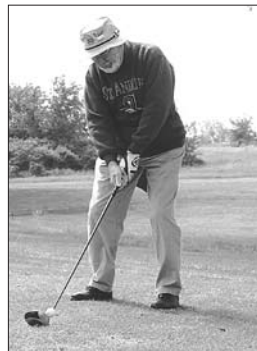
Thirty-four teams signed up for the tournament and only two decided not to play despite the morning's cool weather. "It was a really good turn out with the weather," Glenn said.

Glenn said the event "exposes local businesses and Soldiers to our golf course."

Col. Jay Simpson, garrison commander, served as master of ceremonies for the door prize drawings at the end of the day, after the tournament ended. He handed out more than 100 prizes ranging from T-shirts to full sets of golf clubs and ball caps to a 27-inch television set. Prizes were donated by base activities and local businesses.



105th MPAD/Dey-Bolejack
Joshua Wilson of DENTAC lines up a putt during the 2004 Garrison Commander's Golf Tournament May 14 at Custer Hill Golf Course.



105th MPAD/Dey-Bolejack
Retiree Ray Watson gets set to drive his ball down a fairway at Custer Hill Golf Course.



105th MPAD/Dey-Bolejack
One of 32 four-man teams returns to the clubhouse at Custer Hill Golf Course May 14, after finishing play during the 2004 Garrison Commander's Golf Tournament.

Soldier wins silver medal

Tamas shoots second place in World Cup

By Paula Randall Pagan
Army News Service

ATHENS, Greece — A Soldier with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit of Fort Benning, Ga., took silver at the International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup April 26.

Thomas A. Tamas finished second by less than two points to Guy Starik of Israel in the Men's 50-Meter Prone Rifle competition.

After shooting 597 points of a possible 600, Starik shot a 104.7 of a possible 109 points to win the Gold Medal with the total score of 701.7 of a possible 709.

Tamas shot a 596 and got a 104.1 in the finals for 700.1 total.

Christian Lusch of Germany took the Bronze Medal after shooting a 596 with a 103.8 in the finals for a 699.8 total.

Raised in Columbus, Ga., Tamas started shooting in 1978 with the Fort Benning Junior Rifle Team and graduated from Kendrick High School in 1983. He joined the Army in 1986 and was assigned to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit after he completed basic and infantry training.

Tamas served with the Army Marksmanship Unit for seven years before being assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, in Korea in 1992. After his overseas tour, Tamas returned to Fort Benning and the marksmanship unit in 1993.

Tamas is a two-time Olympian. In 1992 he did not get to compete in the Olympics because he was an alternate. In 2000 he placed 13th in Prone Rifle at the Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

Tamas set the Prone Rifle World Record of a perfect 600 points and was the 1998 Prone Rifle World Champion.

Last year he won the Gold Medal and an Olympic quota slot for the United States at the Pan-American Games. He will be competing for one of two slots on the U.S. Prone Rifle Olympic Team at the Olympic Selection Matches at Fort Benning May 25-27.

Rose-breasted grosbeaks return to Fort Riley



Carla Hurlbert

By Carla Hurlbert

Fish and Wildlife Biologist

The rose-breasted grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) is a neotropical migrant that nests in the United States but withdraws to Mexico and Central America in the winter months. They begin to arrive at Fort Riley in late April or May.

The bird's arrival is a most welcome sign of spring in eastern and

central North America. With its striking colors and richly musical song, the male is one of the most splendid and unmistakable songbirds of America's woodlands, parks and backyards.

The breeding range of the rose-breasted grosbeak extends from north-central Canada east to the Maritime Provinces and from the eastern

Great Plains to New England.

Identifying the breeding male should present no problems. The breast and wing lining are a bright rose color with a distinctive rose-red triangular patch on the breast.

The rest of the underparts and rump are white. The head, throat, back, wings and tail are black with a rather complex arrangement of patch-

es and spots of white in the wings and tail.

Female plumage is subtly colored with upper parts streaked brown and black. The white wing markings are much less distinct than in the male. The head and face of the female is mostly brown with white stripes over the eyes and through the crown. The breast is white with brown streaks. Juveniles and nonbreeding males

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Reserve major to coach Olympians

Team USA picks Army world class athlete to head rifle team

By Tim Hipps

Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Army Reserves Maj. David Johnson, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program at Fort Carson, Colo., will be the rifle coach for Team USA in the Olympic Games at Athens, Greece, this summer.

Johnson, 40, a native of Mount Holly, N.J., has been a member of the U.S. National Rifle Team for

15 years. He competed in the 1992 Olympic Games at Barcelona, Spain, where he placed 11th and 21st in air rifle and three-position shooting respectively.

Johnson began shooting in 1972 at the Langley Junior Rifle Club in Virginia. A 1982 graduate of Hampton High School, he holds a bachelor's degree in finance from West Virginia University.

In 2000, after leaving active

duty and joining the Army Reserves, he took the job as rifle coach at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and led the Nanooks to three individual and two team NCAA championships.

In June of 2002, he returned to active duty and was assigned to WCAP and selected as rifle coach for the U.S. National Team.

"The World Class Athlete Program is important to me because I will be able to represent the USA in the Olympic Games as a

coach," said Johnson, an infantry officer who joined the Army in May 1986 and was attached to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Ga. "I joined the Army because my dad was in the military and I wanted to serve also."

In previous competitions, Johnson won a silver medal in air rifle at the 2000 National Championships. One year earlier, he took second place in prone competition at nationals.

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resemble females, with an orange or faint rose-colored wash across the breast and flanks.

All rose-breasted grosbeaks have large, thick bills with curved culmens (upper ridges). The bill color is pale and nearly white in adult male.

The grosbeak's heavy bill is used to glean food from trees. Their diet consists of insects, seeds and some fruit.

The song of the rose-breasted grosbeak can be mistaken for that of a robin, but the cautious listener will detect a slight difference. Its distinctive call note is a sharp penetrating metallic eek-eek. The song is softer and more melodious than a robin's.

During courtship the male will sing in flight while pursuing the female. The male crouches; spreads, and droops the wings,

with the tail spread and slightly elevated; and retracts the head while waving the head and body in a dance.

Rose-breasted grosbeaks prefer to breed in scrub woodland and shrubby growth by streams and wood edges.

The nest is usually placed in a shrub or small tree within 20 feet above the ground. The nests are difficult to find in the summer because of thick foliage but are quite conspicuous after the leaves have fallen.

The male will usually pick the nest site and build a fragile nest composed of twigs, stalks and coarse grass without any cementing agent.

A clutch consists of three to five light blue eggs. The male and female incubate the eggs for about 13 days.

The chicks will leave the nest in nine to 12 days but depend on the adults for another three weeks.

Studies have shown that rose-breasted grosbeaks can live nine or more years in the wild.

Migration begins August to late September, when the rose-breasted grosbeak will return to its wintering grounds in Mexico and Central America. Stragglers will sometimes be seen in Kansas as late as November.

The rose-breasted grosbeak provides an important economic service to farmers by consuming large numbers of destructive insect pests. Their insect diet includes grasshoppers, cankerworms, tent caterpillars, tussock moths, gypsy moths, brown-tailed moths and the Colorado potato beetle, which gives it its local name: potato-bug bird.



DES
A red-breasted grosbeak attends a nest secluded by thick foliage.

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event.

Events include the 200-meter front crawl relay, 200-meter individual medley, 50-meter butterfly, 200-meter freestyle, 50-meter backstroke, 50-meter breaststroke and 50-meter crawl.

U.S. Swimming rules will govern the meet.

Swimmers compete for first- and second-place team awards overall and first- and second-

place individual awards in each event.

Golf

Each battalion may enter a men's team and a women's team of five players each for the 2004 Fort Riley Battalion Level Golf Tournament.

Battalions must submit rosters of players with their expected handicap by close of business July

9. U.S. Golf Association rules will govern play.

The top four player scores after completing 36 holes at Custer Hill Golf Course will be counted toward team standings. Players will compete for first- and second-place team and individual awards.

Participants who are not monthly or yearly members of the

course will be charged greens fees of \$10 for players in grade E-4 and below or \$15 for players in grade E-5 and up.

Participants must provide their own equipment. Pull and electric carts will be available for rent. Appropriate footwear and dress is mandatory.

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Leisuretime ideas

Kansas City:

Woodlands Great American Greyhound Futurity — Greyhounds from across America compete in the world's richest greyhound race, one of the premier events in the greyhound industry; May 25, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 9700 Leavenworth Road. For more information, call (913) 299-9797 or (800) 695-7223 or visit www.woodland-sk.com on the Internet.

Abdallah Shrine Rodeo — 45th annual PRCA rodeo, car show, craft show, carnival midway, and much more; from 6 to 10 p.m. May 27-28 and all day May 29; 1405 N. 98th St. Wyandotte County Fairgrounds.

For more information, call (913) 362-5300 or visit www.abdallah-shrine.org on the Internet.

Fredonia:

Gold Dust Days Festival — Historic festival celebrates the 1885 opening of the Gold Dust Hotel; re-enactments; musical performances; historic displays; demonstrations; Fredonia Fire Department will be selling its famous sausage sandwiches; May 22, all day; Downtown Square.

For more information, call (620) 378-3221 or visit

www.fredoniachamber.com on the Internet.

Topeka:

O'Reilly NHRA Summer Nationals — National NHRA drag racing event. More than 700 cars racing to speeds of 330 mph; from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. May 28, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 29 and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 30; 1805 SW 71st St., Heartland Park Topeka.

For more information, call (785) 862-4781 or (800) 437-2237 or visit www.hpt.com on the Internet.

Atchison:

Antique Airplane Fly-In — 38th annual, static display of vintage aircraft in hometown of Amelia Earhart; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 29; 16701 286th Road, Amelia Earhart Airport.

For more information, call (913) 367-2427 or (800) 234-1854.

Sedan:

Yellow Brick Road Festival — Parade, Wizard of Oz characters, contests, food, shopping, and entertainment; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 29; Main Street and Chautauqua Street.

For more information, call (620) 725-4033.



This new exhibit at the U.S. Cavalry Museum at Fort Riley chronicles the history of the 13th Cavalry from the time it took part in the chase for Pancho Villa to its participation in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The museum is located near the Cavalry Parade Field and is open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

U.S. Cavalry Museum

New exhibit bridges century

By Valerie Dey-Bolejack
105th MPAD

The Cavalry Museum recently completed a new exhibit honoring the 13th Cavalry and its support of Gen. John "Black Jack" Pershing in the Punitive Expedition into Mexico against Doroteo Arango, alias Francisco "Pancho" Villa.

Fort Riley's 13th Armor Regi-

ment traces its lineage to the 13th Cavalry.

The exhibit shows the 13th Cavalry, its uniforms and equipment, and the 13th Armor in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In 1915, Villa had expected the support of the U.S. government to gain the presidency of Mexico. When President Woodrow Wilson recognized the new government of Venustiano Carranza, Villa

swore revenge on the United States. He began murdering Americans in the hope the United States would intercede and discredit Carranza.

Wilson dispatched Brig. Gen. John Pershing and the 8th Infantry Brigade to Fort Bliss, Texas, with the mission to guarding the U.S.-Mexico border. The presence of American troops discouraged Villa from attacking over the bor-

der but he continued killing Americans in Mexico.

Wilson eventually ordered Pershing and 4,800 men to go into Mexico and capture Villa.

Villa finally ended his war with the government and was awarded 25,000 acres of land in Durango, where he had been raised. He went on to try new farming techniques, opened a bank where the poor could get loans.

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